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THE MIGHTY AVENGERS

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And there came a day, a day unlike any other, when Earth's Mightiest Heroes found themselves united against a common threat! On that day, the Avengers were born, to fight the foes no single super hero could withstand!

THE MIGHTY AVENGERS

PREVIOUSLY...

While rescuing a teammate in Japan, the rogue team called the New Avengers battled a band of assassins known as the Hand and killed their leader, Elektra. Upon her death, Elektra's body reverted to its true form, that of a shape-shifting Skrull. The New Avengers argued over the meaning of the Skrull's appearance, most believing that it was the first hint of a full-scale alien invasion.

Spider-Woman took the Skrull body away from the underground Avengers and disappeared, only to show up at Tony Stark's recovery bed aboard the S.H.I.E.L.D. helicarrier. Tony, still reeling from a global attack by Ultron and not sure whom to trust, asks Spider-Woman to join his team of Initiative-approved Avengers.

Now, almost everyone living in New York City has been transformed into symbiotes by a mysterious virus dropped from a satellite that had been damaged during the Ultron attack...

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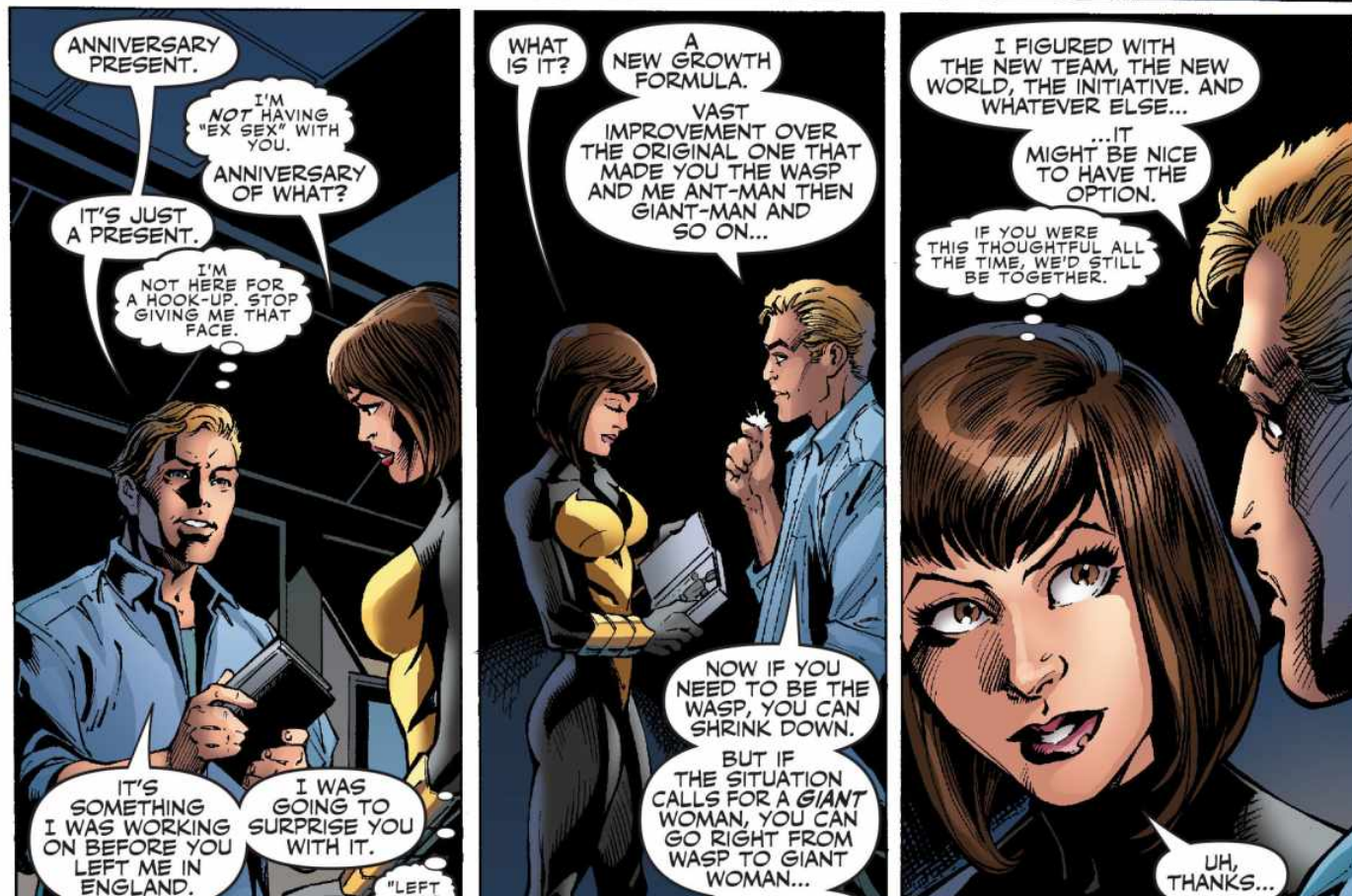
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TA-DAA!



AAH!
STOP WITH
THE BITING, YOU
RASCALLY--



OH MY
GOD!

AVENGERS!
IT'S A
BIOLOGICAL
ATTACK!



BIOLOGICAL,
AS IN--?

AAARRGGHH!



MUTATED ORGANISMS MATCH GENE SPICE SAMPLES FROM MAX GARGAN AKA VENOM

SEE THUNDERBOLTS FILES LOADED.



TONY?!

WE'RE ALL GOING TO--

ALL OF YOU!

YOU HAVE TO GET OUT OF HERE!

I CAN STAY! I'M PROTECTED!



NO, WAIT, I'M--

I'M IONIC. I'M NOT FLESH AND BLOOD.



I'M A GOD.

AND YOU WILL REMEMBER THAT MORTALS!



HUH.

IT'S NOT AFFECTING ME.

OR ME.

WHEW!

SYMBIOTE INFORMATION RELATED FILES LOADED.

HELICARRIER, THIS IS S.H.I.E.L.D. DIRECTOR TONY STARK!

S.H.I.E.L.D. PRIORITY WHITE.

DO NOT, I REPEAT, DO NOT SEND TROOPS INTO NEW YORK CITY.

IMMEDIATELY SEAL THE PERIMETER AND STAND GUARD.

WHAT PERIMETER?

OF THE ISLAND OF MANHATTAN.

THE ENTIRE ISLAND?



AAARRRGHH!

THE ENTIRE ISLAND!







SYMBIOTE IS A LIVING ALIEN ORGANISM THAT BONDS WITH ANOTHER LIVING ORGANISM (HUMAN OR ANIMAL) IN ORDER TO SURVIVE.

ITS CLASS NAME REFERS TO ITS SYMBIOTIC RELATIONSHIPS.

FOR ANCILLARY INFORMATION HIT TAB ON HIGHLIGHTED PHRASING.

HOST PROVIDES INCREASED STRENGTH, SPEED, AND DURABILITY DEPENDENT ON HOST'S ORIGINAL ATTRIBUTES.

VIRUS ATTACK SOURCE LOCATED.

SHOW ME.

SHIELD FILE 353-35325 EGF REPORTS THE ACTIVITY OF ALL KNOWN SYMBIOTES AND THEIR HOSTS.

CODENAME VENOM: HOST IS MAC GARGAN, FORMER ALIAS THE SCORPION.

SEE FILE 45-5252

CODENAME CARNAGE. SENTRY (ROBERT REYNOLDS) RIPPED THE CARNAGE SYMBIOTE IN TWO, BUT CLETUS KASADY MAY NOT HAVE BEEN WEARING THE SUIT.

CODENAME SHE-VENOM: INACTIVE. STATUS UNKNOWN.

KNOWN SYMBIOTE HOSTS:

TOUCH THE HIGHLIGHTED WORD FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

SPIDER-MAN

EDDIE BROCK

ANGELO FORTUNATO

CODENAME TOXIN: INACTIVE. STATUS UNKNOWN.

CODENAME HYBRID: INACTIVE. STATUS UNKNOWN.

BEN REILLY

MAC GARGAN

WOLVERINE

CLETUS KASADY

JOHN JAMESON

THE SILVER SURFER

PATRICK MULLIGAN

PATRICIA ROBERTSON--

STOP LIST.

I NEED TO KNOW THE VIRUS' ORDER, FAMILY, SUBFAMILY, GENUS, SPECIES AND ACTIVATING AGENT.

STAND BY.

WOLVERINE?! WHAT HASN'T HE DONE?

INSUFFICIENT TECHNOLOGY TO ANALYZE AND COUNTERACT THE VIRUS.

PATCH ME THROUGH TO THE BAXTER BUILDING.

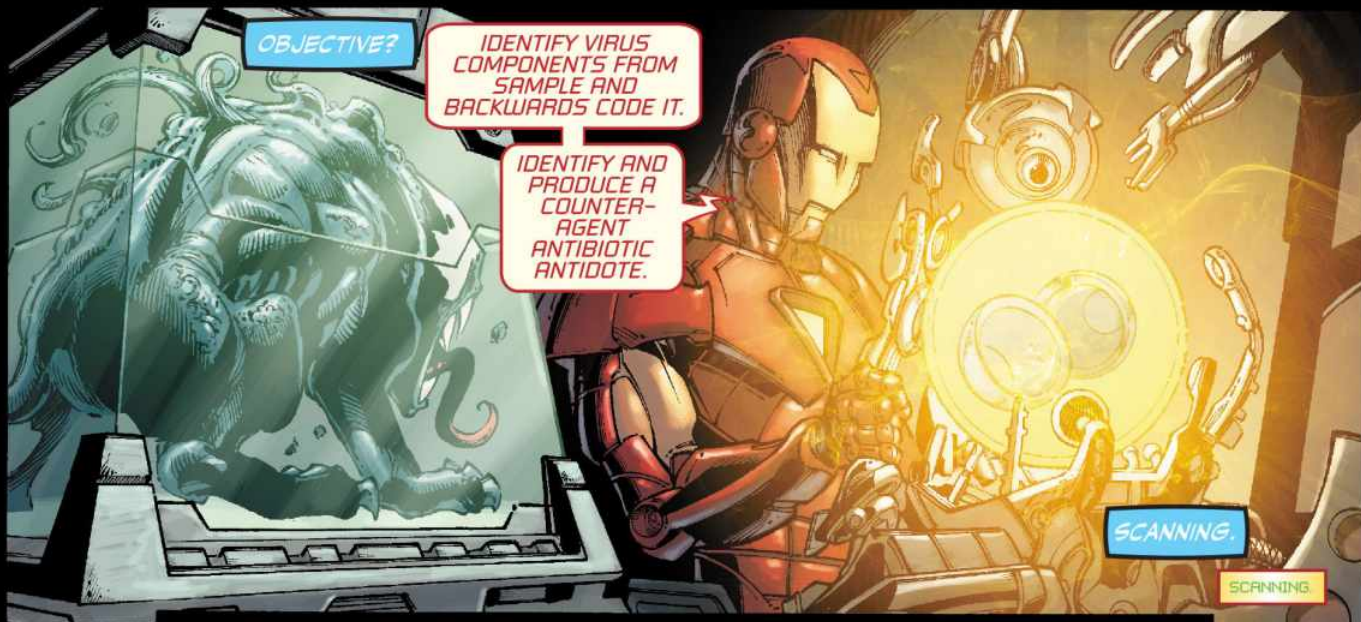
PLEASE STAND BY.

THE BAXTER BUILDING HAS SWITCHED TO AUTOMATED COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM.

REED RICHARDS AND THE FANTASTIC FOUR ARE NOT AT THIS LOCATION.

DAMN IT!

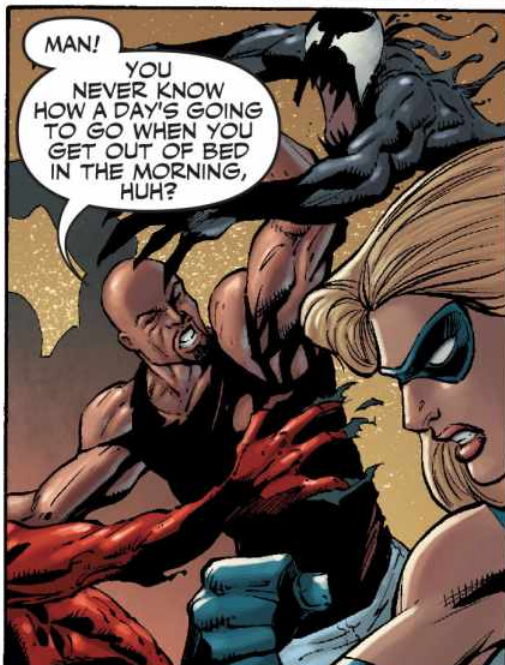
WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEAVE A MESSAGE ON THEIR SERVER?















I SWEAR
I DREAMT THIS
ENTIRE THING
ONCE.

IS
EVERYONE
OKAY?

YEAH,
WE'RE ALL JUST
PEACHY.

LET'S
HELP THE
PEOPLE.



I'M
CASTING
A SERIES OF
SPELLS THAT
WILL SOOTHE
PEOPLE'S
EMOTIONAL
STATE.

MAGIC
LEXAPRO.

IT'LL HELP
EVERYONE
JUST GET
HOME AND TO
THEIR LOVED
ONES.

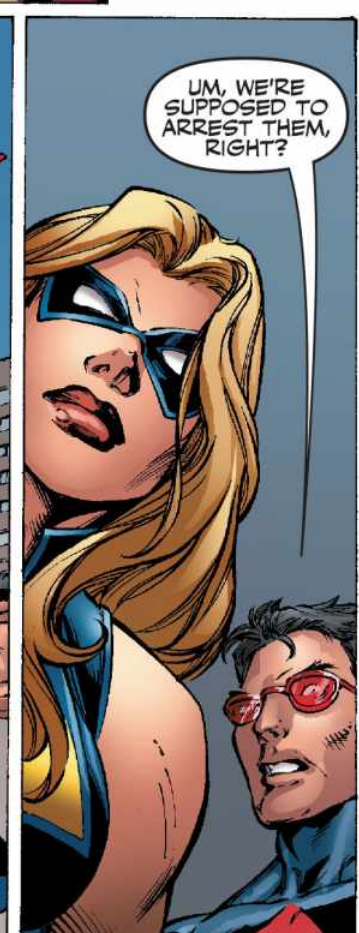
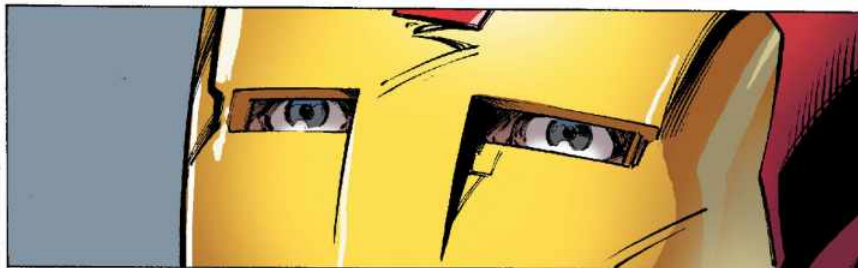
I WASN'T
MAKING FUN.
PLEASE.
CALM
EVERYONE
DOWN. CALM ME
DOWN!



CLINT?



CLINT?







VIRUS
TRAJECTORY
SOURCE
LOCATED.

HOLY--

SATELLITE'S
ORIGIN UNKNOWN
SATELLITE NOT
REGISTERED
WITH NASA,
SHIELD OR THE
FICR 12

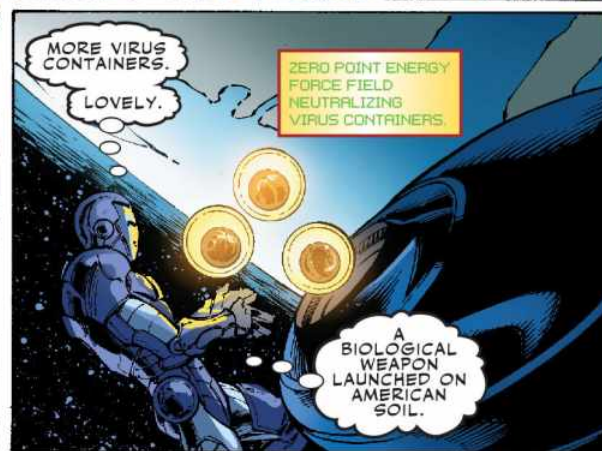


FULL SCAN.

SCANNING...

WHERE DID THIS
COME FROM?

SCANNING



MORE VIRUS
CONTAINERS.
LOVELY.

ZERO POINT ENERGY
FORCE FIELD
NEUTRALIZING
VIRUS CONTAINERS.

A
BIOLOGICAL
WEAPON
LAUNCHED ON
AMERICAN
SOIL.



METALLURGY AND DESIGN MATCHES THAT OF
LATVERIAN ENGINEER LATROS MOLDAVIA.

SEE FILES FOR
COMPARISON.

LATVERIAN.
DOOM.

LATROS MOLDAVIA IS
UNDER THE
RULE AND
EMPLOY OF
VICTOR
VON DOOM,
MONARCH OF
LATVERIA

VICTOR VON DOOM
FILES LOADED.



DOOM.
WRONG
DAY TO ATTACK
AMERICAN SOIL
WITH A
BIOLOGICAL
WEAPON.



NEXT ISSUE



DOOM!